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REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, claims 13, 14, 20, and 21 were allowed and, while objection was made to claims 6 and 7, the Examiner acknowledged that such claims recite patentable subject matter. And claims 1-5 and 10-12 were rejected. Claims 1-5, 11, and 12 were rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of Persson and Carson. And, claim 10 was rejected over the combination of Persson, Carson, and McNicol.

Responsive to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 6 and 7, claim 1 has been amended, as set forth herein, now to recite the subject matter of claim 6, as well as its intervening claims 2 and 4. Claims 2, 4, and 6 have been canceled. And, amendments made to claims 3, 5, and 7 are made responsive to amendment to, or cancellation of, their respective parent claims.

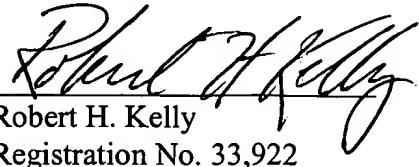
In light of the foregoing, therefore, claim 1, and the remaining ones of the dependent claims dependent thereon, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, re-examination and reconsideration for allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

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